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Dear Mr. Stempel:

This is just a note to express our appreciation for your thoughtful and thorough analysis of dissent in Iran in "Straws in the Wind: Intellectual and Religious Opposition in Iran." We welcome this kind of in-depth reporting, especially in the case of Iran where our interests are so great and the human rights record so questionable.

We look forward to seeing more of this kind of thing.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for
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